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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Director, Intelligence Community Staff

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                  Chairman, DCI Intelligence Information Handling Committee

SUBJECT: Monthly Activities Highlights: September 1988

Community Multilateral Counterterrorist Data System (CMCDS)

With DDCI approval, IHC began an interagency effort to define the
capabilities and funding requirements of an enhanced automated system to
support the Community's counterterrorist mission. Representatives from all
Community components attended the kick-off meeting and agreed to support the
effort. Four working groups will address:

    a. User Requirements
    b. Concept of Operations
    c. Architecture and Communications   25X1
    d. Security

The group will review current system capabilities and shortfalls and
identify specific security requirements. This will include reviews of the
following systems and associated data bases: CIA DESIST, NSA FLASHBOARD, NSA   25X1
[   ] DIA DITDS, JSOC SOIS, and CIA PIRATE. It is estimated that CMCDS would
support a TS/SI/TK cleared US user population of approximately 350-500
people. [   ]   25X1

JOINT MARITIME INFORMATION ELEMENT (JMIE)

A contract was awarded to Science Application International Corporation
(SAIC) for the development and implementation of the JMIE Support System (JSS)
core capability scheduled for completion in 15 months. Concurrently, the JSS
testbed system is being fielded to support limited operations at eight user
sites, until core is achieved. Substantial progress continues to be made
through the JMIE Data Base Working Group in identifying new maritime data
sources from intelligence, law enforcement, and commercial sectors for
acquisition and incorporation into the JSS. [   ]   25X1

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RMS COMPUSEC Support

At the request of the Chairman, COMIREX, the IHC is supporting the computer security related efforts for the development of Requirements Management System (RMS). In coordination with the COMIREX Staff, the IHC Staff has drafted the "RMS Security Policy" to be used to guide the development of the security in the system. The policy is structured to insure that senior management becomes involved in establishing the top level security requirements and makes the key decisions that may result in a reduction of these security requirements based on resource constraints. The Chairman, COMIREX has sent forwarded the "RMS Security Policy" to the Community for coordination. Chairman, IHC will advise Chairman COMIREX, on RMS security related requirements, designs, implementation plans, and risks associated with accreditation.

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ICS Office Support Survey

The IHC led functional analysis survey of ICS office data automation requirements is complete. The ICS committee, with representation from each ICS element, has reviewed and approved the findings and recommendations. The report recommends an "open architecture" approach and identifies the need for a small dedicated staff to manage the system. The final functional analysis survey report will be briefed to the Director and Deputy Directors of the IC Staff on 11 October.

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ADP Media Security Labels

GSA informally advised IHC that the ADP media security labeling program far exceeded their original use projections. GSA said that, since the U.S. Government adopted the Intelligence Community's ADP security labels as its standard and assigned them standard form numbers less than two years ago, GSA has produced and distributed over 110 million labels and has contracted to produce 50 million more within the next few months. Community feedback to IHC indicates that government usage of the labels is filling a large security void by providing the common means for identifying, and thus protecting, classified information on ADP media.

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Data Communications Security Labelling Standard

The IHC has identified the need for agreement on standards for security labelling of packets transmitted over packet switched networks. Divergent proposals for such a standard have been developed by DIA and NSA. A technical working group of the IHC has been formed to address the issues and attempt to reconcile differences. Agreement on a standard is important in order to maintain the security of information being transmitted while facilitating the interconnection of Intelligence Community systems and networks.

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